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Subject: Medicaid Comments

I have power of attorney for my 86 year old grandmother who resides in a care facility in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. My grandmother is a Medicaid recipient who, after raising five children as a single parent and retiring from a career with Pioneer Hi-Bred, experienced health issues that caused her to require 24 hour care. After selling her home and exhausting assets, she entered a wonderful facility with caring staff. I have not worried about her care for the past eight years. Today I am terrified of what may happen if the Medicaid privatization occurs on January 1.

I received paperwork on November 28, 2015 instructing us to select a MCO by December 17, 2015. We have been given less than three weeks to make this important decision that has the potential to have life altering impacts upon a frail individual. We were provided no information on which providers have signed contracts with each MCO. In fact, the state of Iowa readily admits many providers haven't signed contracts yet the state mandates individuals make this important decision without adequate information or coverage options.

There has to be a better way to implement this privatization. Slow down the process and develop a well planned strategy that protects the most vulnerable residents of our state.

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